Negotiation for Airbus/Boeing

17. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have signed the contract, for the amount of Rs. 10,000 crores to acquire 10 Airbus-340 and 18 Boeing-737;

(b) if so, by when it would be purchased; and

(c) whether Airbuses would be equipped with latest technology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Retirement age of Air Hostesses

18. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the retirement age of Air Hostesses in Indian Airlines and Air India is different;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The retirement age of Air Hostesses in Indian Airlines and Air India is 58 Years.

Services on uneconomical routes

19. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have initiated an exercise to review and rework the existing guidelines that force carriers to operate a stipulated number of flights on the social and uneconomical routes;